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SUBJECT: ITALIAN EMBASSY ASYLEE RAFAEL GONZALEZ

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1. DURING A MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR GENERAL COLONEL JAIME LAVIN ON OTHER MATTERS, I RAISED THE ISSUE OF ITALIAN EMBASSY ASYLEE RAFAEL GONZALEZ. I ASKED LAVIN IF HE WOULD ASCERTAIN THE CURRENT VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT ON GRANTING A SAFE CONDUCT TO GONZALEZ TO ALLOW HIM TO LEAVE CHILE WITH HIS U.S. CITIZEN SON AND HIS WIFE.

2. LAVIN REPEATED THE STANDARD GOC LINE, NAMELY, THAT THERE WERE NO CHARGES AGAINST GONZALEZ AND THAT IT WAS UP TO HIM TO LEAVE THE ITALIAN EMBASSY AND MAKE APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOC PROCEDURES TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. LAVIN SAID THAT HE WOULD, HOWEVER, TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE PROPER AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT. LAVIN IS AN AIR FORCE OFFICER AND I AM SURE HE WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH AIR FORCE CINC GENERAL GUSTAVO LEIGH. LEIGH IS THE KEY DECISION MAKER IN THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE SINCE GONZALEZ WORKED FOR AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE FOR SOME YEARS AND IS IN A
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POSITION TO EMBARRASS LEIGH AND THE AIR FORCE BY PUBLIC ALLEGATIONS.

4. THE EMBASSY HAS THE GONZALEZ CASE UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW. THE ITALIAN CHARGE HERE IS MORE OR LESS CONSTANTLY CONCERNED WITH THIS CASE. AS A RESULT OF HIS REPRESENTATION, AND OUR OWN INTEREST IN THE CASE, WE PROBE THE GOC FROM TIME TO TIME.

IN LATE FEBRUARY THE EMBASSY MADE ITS CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE HIGHEST
LEVELS OF THE CHILEAN AIR FORCE USING AN AIR FORCE TO AIR FORCE
CHANNEL. AT THAT TIME THE RESPONSE WAS, IN EFFECT, GONZALEZ
IS NOT GOING TO LEAVE CHILE. WE ARE NOT SANGUINE.
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